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### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee approved for reporting the nominations of Edward R. McPherson, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Education, Lisa Kruska, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, David Wesley Fleming of California, Jay Phillip Greene, of Florida, and John Richard Petrocik, of Missouri, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Juanita Alicia Vasquez-Gardner, of Texas, and Patrick Lloyd McCrory, of North Carolina, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, and Gerald Lee, of Pennsylvania, and Robert C. Granger, of New Jersey, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, Department of Education.

### INDIAN FOREST MANAGEMENT REPORT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Inter-Tribal Timber

Council's Indian Forest Management Assessment Team report, focusing on its recommendations providing the Department of the Interior with feedback to improve the delivery and management of forestry services provided to federally recognized tribes and individual Indian owners, after receiving testimony from Aurene M. Martin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Nolan C. Colegrove, Sr., Intertribal Timber Council, Portland, Oregon; and John C. Gordon, Interforest, LLC, Branford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Second Indian Forest Management Assessment Team.

### INDIAN LAND RESTORATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 868, to amend the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Restoration Act to provide for the cultural restoration and economic self-sufficiency of the Confederation Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Cheryl Hoile, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, Coos Bay, Oregon; Peter M. Wakeland, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, Oregon; and Jay Ward, Oregon Natural Resources Council, Portland.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 4056–4076; and; 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 401–402, and H. Res. 583–584, 596–589 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3658, to amend the Public Health Service Act to strengthen education, prevention, and treatment programs relating to stroke, amended (H. Rept. 108–453); and

H. Res. 585, providing for the consideration of H. Res. 581, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding rates of compensation for civil-

ian employees and members of the uniformed services of the United States (H. Rept. 108–454).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Chocoma to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:33 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, March 29 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 353 yeas to 55 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 96.

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**Budget Resolution for FY 2005—Order of Business:** The House agreed to insist on its amendment

to S. Con. Res. 95, concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, and requested a conference.

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Rejected the Thompson of California motion to instruct conferees on the concurrent resolution to agree to the pay-as-you-go enforcement provisions within the scope of the conference regarding direct spending increases and tax cuts in the House and Senate by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 97.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Nussle, Portman, and Spratt.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Welcoming the accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia to NATO:* H. Res. 558, amended, welcoming the accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 99;

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*Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 through 2006:* H.R. 3036, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2004 through 2006;

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*Reauthorizing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program through June 30, 2004:* S. 2231, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2004;

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*Reauthorizing certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through June 30, 2004:* S. 2241, to reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through June 30, 2004;

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*Reimbursement for certain expenses incurred by members of the U.S. Armed Forces under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program:* S. 2057, to require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse members of the United States Armed Forces for certain transportation expenses incurred by the members in connection with leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program before the program was expanded to include domestic travel, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 100;

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*Establishing campaign medals to be awarded to members of the Armed Forces who participate in*

*Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom:* H.R. 3104, amended, to provide for the establishment of campaign medals to be awarded to members of the Armed Forces who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 102; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to provide for the establishment of separate campaign medals to be awarded to members of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom and to members of the uniformed services who participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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*Congratulating the U.S. Air Force Academy on its 50th Anniversary:* H. Con. Res. 386, congratulating the United States Air Force Academy on its 50th Anniversary and recognizing its contributions to the Nation, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 103.

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**ROTC and Military Recruiter Equal Access to Campus Act of 2004:** The House passed H.R. 3966, to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the ability of the Department of Defense to establish and maintain Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps units at institutions of higher education, to improve the ability of students to participate in Senior ROTC programs, and to ensure that institutions of higher education provide military recruiters entry to campuses and access to students that is at least equal in quality and scope to that provided to any other employer, by a recorded vote of 343 yeas to 81 noes, Roll No. 101.

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The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill was considered as adopted.

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Rejected the Abercrombie motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions by a voice vote.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the ability of the Department of Defense to establish and maintain Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps units at institutions of higher education, to improve the ability of students to participate in Senior ROTC programs, and to ensure that institutions of higher education provide military recruiters entry to campuses and access to students that is at least equal in quality and scope to that provided to any other employer.

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H. Res. 580, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 223 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 98.

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**Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users—Order of Business:** Agreed that it be in order at any time for the Speaker to declare the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and that consideration of the bill proceed according to the following order: the first reading of the bill is dispensed with; all points of order against consideration of the bill are waived; general debate shall not exceed two hours and 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (including a final period of ten minutes to follow consideration of the bill for amendment) and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; after the initial period of general debate, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion; and no further consideration of H.R. 3550 shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H1659–60, H1660–61, H1700–01, H1701–02, H1701, H1711, H1712 and H1712–13. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on NOAA. Testimony was heard from Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., Under Secretary and NOAA Administrator, Department of Commerce.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on U.S. Air Force. Testimony was heard from James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Air Force Acquisition. Testimony was heard from Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Science and Technology. Testimony was heard from Charles McQueary, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NAVY FORCE STRUCTURE AND SHIP CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on Navy Force Structure and Ship Construction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John J. Young, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); VADM John B. Nathman, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N–7) (Warfare Requirements and Programs); and VADM James C. Dawson, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N–8) (Resources, Requirements and Assessments); Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

### LOGISTICS: LESSONS FROM OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Logistics: Lessons from OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and Logistics Transformation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Robert T. Dail, USA, Director, Operations, TCJ3, United States Transportation Command; VADM Keith W. Lippert, USN, Director, Defense Logistics Agency; LTG Claude V. Christianson, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G4, Department of the Army; and BG Edward G. Usher III, USMC, Assistant Commandant for Installation and Logistics, U.S. Marine Corps.

### SUBPRIME LENDING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a joint hearing entitled "Subprime Lending: Defining the Market and Its Customers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.